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Iguanas and Incas for November

Our November meeting will feature a slide show on the Galapagos Islands and the Andes of Peru, destination of the "Iguanas and Incas" trip organized by Mike Wihler. This trip will be run by Forum International, a non-profit organization active in the education and conservation fields. A representative will be on hand to provide further information on the trip. The meeting will be held November 17 at 7:30 at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley.

—MIKE WIHLER, *Program Chairman*

Field Trips Calendar

Sunday, November 6—Point Pinole Recreation Area. Might see rails as well as other shorebirds. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot. Take Hwy. 17 to Richmond, turn right on 10th St. to 13th St. to Giant Hwy. to the end of the road. Leader: John Zaclackis (222-0649). Bring lunch and be prepared to walk 3 to 4 miles. (✓)

Wednesday, November 9—Mini trip to Point Isabel/Berkeley waterfront for a close look at bay and estuary birds as well as Burrowing/Short-eared owls. Meet at north end of Marriott Inn parking lot at **10:30 a.m.** Take University Ave. exit to the Berkeley Marina. Bring lunch and drink. Leader: Paul Covell. Any questions call Ruth Voss (525-8032).

Sunday, November 13—Sebastopol area. A trip to explore over forty acres of land. Our host, Mr. Pense, has graciously given this day to GGAS. Take Hwy. 101 to Sebastopol exit; Hwy. 116 west to center of town. At first signal intersection turn right to Bodega Bay Hwy. Go about 3.9 miles to Wagnon Rd. Turn right at a Not Through Street sign to the end of the road. Driving time about 1 hour 15 minutes. Meet at **9:00 a.m.**

Field Trips Calendar (continued)

Bring lunch. No leader. Coordinator: Betty Short (921-3020 work). (✓)

Thursday, November 17—Palo Alto Baylands Environmental Center for shorebirds, ducks and gulls. Take Hwy. 101 to Embarcadero exit east to the center. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** Bring lunch. Leader: Mary Keohane (632-5176). (✓)

Sunday, November 20—Miwok Trail, Fort Cronkhite. A 5 mile hike to see common birds of hillside and chaparral including Great Horned Owls and hawks. Drive north across Golden Gate Bridge to Alexander St. exit. turn left $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and meet at entrance to the tunnel at **9:00 a.m.** Bring lunch in knapsack. Leader: Pat Triggs (664-8502). (✓)

Thursday, November 24—A Thanksgiving outing by popular request. Meet at the parking lot of the Point Reyes National Seashore headquarters at **10:00 a.m.** for a trip to Limantour Spit and vicinity to see a variety of shorebirds and waterfowl. Bring sturdy boots, a light lunch, and join us for a moderately priced dinner in late afternoon. Leader: Barry Spitz (454-2769) (✓)

Sunday, November 27—Pescadero marsh for water fowl, shorebirds and other wildlife. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the large parking area at the intersection of Hwy. 1 and Pescadero Rd., about 40 miles south of San Francisco. Bring lunch. Leader: Candace Beach (323-6637).

Saturday and Sunday, December 10-11—Sacramento Valley refuge trips. Two good motels are: Markay's Motel, Gridley, CA 95948 (916 846-3766), and Pacific Motel, Box 235, Gridley, CA 95948 (916 846-9915). There will be no bus trip. For rides contact Kate Partridge. Leaders: Dolores and Peter White (339-4592).

Need a ride? Carpool arrangements can be made for trips checked (✓). If you want to offer a ride to other Audubon members or to pool with someone else, call Kate Partridge, Carpool Coordinator at 849-1951 (home), or 642-3628 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

September Observations

One seems to wait with bated breath, figuratively, for fall migration to arrive. Now that it is half gone, one looks back with contentment, if not enthusiasm. Since the frenzied days of 1974, each fall has seemed paler, or have we become jaded? Actually, a very solid September is chronicled below (taken together with the September sightings in the previous *Gull*). As usual, most Point Reyes finds are listed by site (Fish Docks, Mendoza Ranch, etc.) and all Farallon sightings should be credited to Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

THE OCEAN

Single Flesh-footed Shearwaters, which occur in very small numbers, were in Monterey Bay (LS) and off San Francisco (SL) 25 Sept., and a Manx continued the August sightings in Monterey Bay 11 Sept. (JM, VR). A Wilson's Storm-Petrel was in the Monterey flock 25 Sept. where one is found virtually every year (LS). Interestingly, single Ashy Storm-Petrels were found alive on shore in San Francisco 8 Sept. (NG) and Elk, Mendocino Co. 13 Sept. (GC)—both during foggy evenings. Could they have become disoriented by fog or were they pushed by strong winds? A Harlequin Duck in the cove below the Fish Docks 17-25 Sept. (EM) was seen by hundreds of birders. Long-tailed Jaegers were in Monterey Bay 11 and 25 Sept. (TC, LS), and one of our coastal Parasitics chased gulls near Bodega Bay 23 Sept. (BC, NC). Three South Polar Skuas in Monterey Bay 25 Sept. (LS) were supplemented by another that date off San Francisco (SL). Craveri's Murrelets continued to be identified in Monterey Bay with counts of 6 and 2 on 11 and 25 Sept. (VR, JM, LS). Quite early was an Ancient Murrelet off Bolinas Lagoon 22 Sept. (PRBO).

THE HILL

Sometime back, Lawrence C. Binford discovered that Pt. Diablo on the Marin County headlands is the best hawk-watching station west of the Mississippi. On good days its rate (a hawk every thirty seconds) ranks with the best in the East. On 22 Sept. over nine hundred hawks of nine species were logged, mostly Sharp-shinned and Coopers. It is also the only known spot that Broad-winged Hawks are found with regularity. Three were spotted 21 Sept., 3 more 22 Sept., and 1 on 23 Sept. (LCB, DR, DE, DGa, JM), while 2 others passed over Monterey 23 Sept. (BE). Other interesting species included 2 Lewis' Woodpeckers 21 Sept. (LCB) and 2 Lawrence's Goldfinches 22 Sept. (DR, LCB). Fifteen of the migrant woodpecker were in Tiburon 18 Sept. (CB) and another goldfinch was at Abandoned Ranch, Point Reyes, 25 Sept. (VR).

THE PONDS

The Woodland "sugar ponds" played host to some good shorebirds 19-20 Sept.: 4 American Golden Plovers, 2 Red Knots, and 1 Stilt Sandpiper (JLa), and up to 30 Pectoral Sandpipers by the end of the period (DR, DD). I know of only three previous fall records of the Red Knot in the Sacramento Valley. Alameda had single American Golden Plovers on 10-12 and 21-22 Sept. (LF, ED, SA) and Coyote Hills had Stilt Sandpipers 8-11 and 21 Sept. (EM, JWe, GM). All are unusual away from the coast, and Stilts are rare anywhere. The Point Reyes **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was sporadically reported through 16 Sept. (CC, DH, MW), but eluded many searchers.

THE RUMOR

A written description of the mystery hummingbird in the Berkeley backyard 18 Aug. (not 25 Aug. as reported) has solved the crime. It was not California's first Rivoli's but a Green Violet-ear, a tropical species widely kept in captivity. Strangely, another of this species was on Mt. Pinos in southern California the previous week.

THE PRIZE PHOTOGRAPH

California's best bird this fall was the second state record of the **Wheatear**, photographed at Shelter Cove in south Humboldt Co. 15 Aug. (GC). The previous record is from the Farallones in the spring (11 June, 1971).

THE CYPRESSES

It should come as no surprise that the bulk of this report deals with those vagrants found on Point Reyes and other outer coast cypresses (and a few willows and weeds) and the Farallones. Included are eight vireos of three species and one hundred forty-two warblers of eighteen species.

An Eastern Kingbird was on SE Farallon 14 Sept. Three convincing **Least Flycatchers** were found, now that experienced birders know what to look for: SE Farallon 12 Sept., Mendoza Ranch 18-19 Sept. (LCB+) and Lake Merced, San Francisco 23 Sept. (DD, BM). A few are expected each fall. California's ninth **Yellow-throated Vireo** frequented the tangles of Olema marsh 10-18 Sept. (JLa, JWt, PB, JWb, RS). Five Red-eyed Vireos is a good number:

1 Fish Docks	12-13 Sept.	EM, JM, DR, KG+
1 Mendoza Ranch	13 Sept.	BF+
1 Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	13 Sept.	KG, DR+
1 Golden Gate Park	14 Sept.	LCB
1 Mendoza Ranch	20 Sept.	BF+

The rare **Philidelphia Vireo** put in appearances on SE Farallon 14 Sept. and at Drakes Beach 27-28 Sept. (DR, DE, JM+).

Black-and-white Warblers were down, with only three on SE Farallon 10-12 Sept. and singles in Golden Gate Park (hereafter GGP) 15 Sept. (PM), Point Reyes Lighthouse 18 Sept. (WP) and Olema marsh 19 Sept. (DE, TB). Tennessee Warblers put in a fine month: 9 on SE Farallon 10-14 Sept., 8 on Point Reyes 10-22 Sept., and 6 around San Francisco 22-26 Sept., for a total of twenty-three. The first Farallon **Lucy's Warbler** arrived 25 Sept. The only reported Northern Parula was at Lake Merced 13-15 Sept. (PM, LCB). Five Magnolia Warblers hit SE Farallon 10-16 Sept. and another graced the Fish Docks 15-17 Sept. (A&WG, DR, JM+). The fall's first Black-throated Blue was a *male* at RCA, Point Reyes, 12 Sept. (EM). The best warbler on Point Reyes so far was the

female **Black-throated Green Warbler** at Mendoza Ranch 16 Sept. (JM, DR+); our first non-Farallon record in Northern California came just last fall at the same spot. Blackburnian Warblers were on a par with seven:

1 Fish Docks	10-11 Sept.	PM+
1 SE Farallon I.	10-12 Sept.	PRBO
1 SE Farallon I.	11-12 Sept.	PRBO
1 SE Farallon I.	13 Sept.	PRBO
1 Lake Merced, S.F.	13 Sept.	PM, LCB
1 Nunes Ranch	14-15 Sept.	BDP, DGo+
1 Mendoza Ranch	15-20 Sept.	A&WG, JM, DR+

Also right about on average were the ten Chestnut-sided Warblers:

1 SE Farallon I	3-4 Sept.	PRBO
1 Nunes Ranch	10 Sept.	PM
2 SE Farallon I.	11-13 Sept.	PRBO
1 Fish Docks	12 Sept.	EM, JM
1 Pt. Pinos, Monterey Co.	12 Sept.	LH, VR
1 Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	13 Sept.	KG, DR+
1 Golden Gate Park	13 Sept.	LCB
1 Olema marsh	16-20 Sept.	RS+
1 Lake Merced, S.F.	19 Sept.	JM

Considering the totals this spring, 5 Bay-breasted Warblers were few: 3 on SE Farallon 10-13 Sept., and singles at Nunes Ranch 11-14 Sept. (JWt, BS, JM+) and Mendoza Ranch 13 Sept. (A&WG), and no Cape Mays were found. Perhaps this summer had the expected collapse of the breeding population following the last years' spectacular buildup. Twenty-six of our commonest September vagrants, Blackpoll Warblers, were reported: 7 on Farallones, 17 on Point Reyes, and 2 in San Francisco. Two Prairie Warblers followed the previous four: SE Farallon 3-4 Sept. and Fish Docks 27-29 Sept. (DE, DR, JM+). The first of the fall's Palm Warblers were 2 on SE Farallon 16 and 25 Sept. and 5 on Point Reyes 24-29 Sept. In contrast to the previous practice, the coast had as many Ovenbirds as the island: 3 on SE Farallon 10-12 Sept., but 1 at Drakes Beach 11-15 Sept. (JLa, JM+) and 2 at Mendoza Ranch 24-29 Sept. (DR, DD, JM+). Six Northern Waterthrushes were scattered: 2 on SE Farallon 9 and 14 Sept., 2 at Mendoza Ranch 11 and 14 Sept., in Tilden Park 8-13 Sept. (A&WG), and GGP 13-15 Sept. (LCB+). Three more rare **Canada Warblers** were added: on SE Farallon 3 Sept., at the Point Reyes Lighthouse 12 Sept., (EM, JM), and the first Northern California record at Davis 14-17 Sept. (TL, RS). Thirty-two American Redstarts round out the warblers: 12 on SE Farallon, 16 on Point Reyes, 2 in San Francisco, and singles at Princeton and Bodega Bay.

The only two Bobolinks were birds on SE Farallon 12 Sept. and at RCA 13 Sept. (KG). Yellow-headed Blackbirds rarely make the coast, but 2 were on SE Farallon in early September and another was at Pigeon Point 15 Sept. (BS). Two Orchard Orioles on SE Farallon 12-14 and 25 Sept. were very good, but better yet was the island's first **Scott's Oriole** banded 12 Sept. Another excellent southwestern find was a male **Hepatic Tanager** described from Tiburon 18-22 (CB). The 12 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks came in clumps: 5 on SE Farallon 10-13 Sept., 3 at the Point Reyes Lighthouse 10 Sept., 3 in GGP 13 Sept., and 1 at Bolinas 22 Sept. Unexpected were Blue Grosbeaks on SE Farallon 12 Sept. and at the Fish Docks 25 Sept. (AE), as were Green-tailed Towhees on SE Farallon 13 Sept. and Fish Docks 14 Sept. (JM). A Lark Bunting was viewed at Mendoza Ranch 21 Sept. (RS). Vagrant sparrows made a better than average showing and may often be overlooked on the coast. Two Vesper Sparrows visited SE Farallon in early September and another was found at Fish Docks 21 Sept. (RS). But 14 Clay-colored Sparrows is truly surprising:

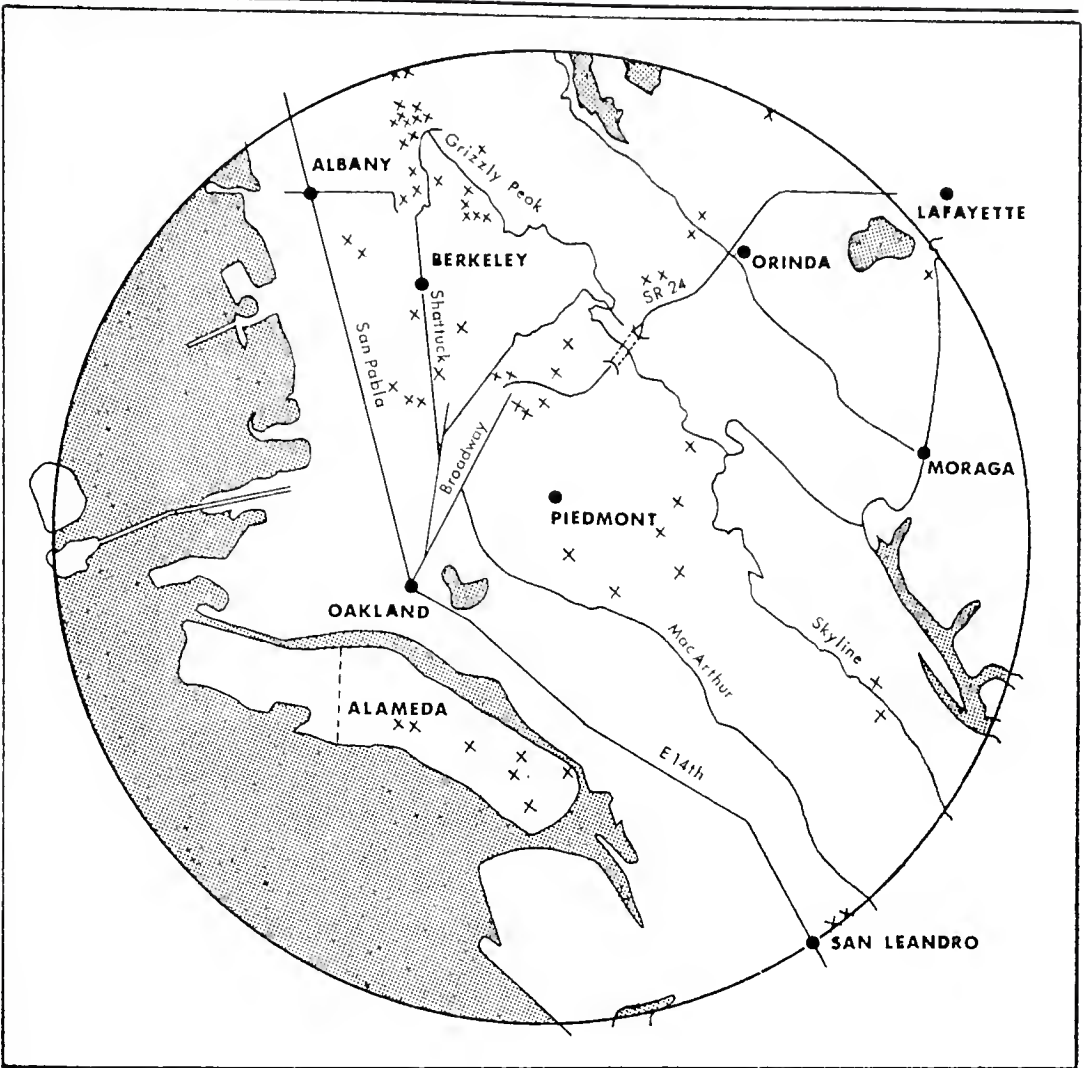
5 SE Farallon I	1-5 Sept.	PRBO
7 SE Farallon I.	10-15 Sept.	PRBO
1 Fish Docks	21 Sept.	RS
1 Bodega Bay (1st Sonoma Co. record)	22 Sept.	JM

Along those same lines, SE Farallon had 5 Brewer's Sparrows 1-15 Sept. while others were at the Point Reyes Lighthouse 13 Sept. (KG, DR) and Bunker Hill, Marin Co., 25 Sept. (MLR).

Observers:

Steve Abbors, Phyllis Benton, Laurence C. Binford, Tony Briggs, Courtney Buford, Ted Chandik, George Clarke, Becky Conzett, Nancy Conzett, Chris Coombe, Elizabeth Dickey, Donna Dittman, Art Edwards, Bruce Elliott, Dick Erickson Bud Fry, Kimball Garrett, Don Garvin (DGa), Gene Gerlock, Norm Gershenz, Al & Wilma Ghiorso, Doug Gomke (DGo), Linda Hale, Darrell Hall, Jeri Langham, Tom Love, Susanne Luther, Eugene Makishima, Brian McCaffery, George Mealy, Peter Metropoulos, Joe Morlan, Wayne Palsson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Van Remsen, Don Roberson, Mary Louise Rosegay, Larry Sansone, Barry Sauppe, Rich Stallcup, Jack Wetstone (JWe), Mike Wihler, Jack Wilburn (JWb), Jon Winter (JWt), + = plus many other observers.

—DON ROBERSON, *Observations Editor*
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Christmas Feeder Count

Feeder locations for last year's Christmas count are marked (+) on the count circle map. More feeder reports from the open areas are desired in 1977. The reports cover birds seen at or near a feeder; thus it's a matter of watching, not walking. An hour or two observation on Count Day, Sunday, December 18, are all that is required, although more time is acceptable. Help in identifying unfamiliar birds is available from experienced birders as needed.

Instructions and report forms will be mailed to those who respond to the questionnaire sent with Bob Hirt's letter of October 12. They can also be obtained by phoning Vera Paraschak during office hours at 843-2222, or Clark Gleason evenings until 9:00 p.m. at 843-8846. The participation fee will be \$1.00, the same as last year.

—CLARK GLEASON
Feeder Count Coordinator

Cooper Ornithological Society Meeting in Berkeley

The Northern California Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Society will meet on Thursday, December 1 in room 2503 of the Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley at 8:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Miklos Udvardy of Sacramento State University. His talk on "Behavioral Thermoregulation in Hummingbirds" will include a twenty minute film..

Pelagic Trips in February

Sea-going trips will leave from Monterey Harbor February 5 and 12. Past trips have produced Blackfooted Albatross, Fulmar, Short-tailed Shearwater, Slender-billed Shearwater, Fork-tailed Petrel, Ancient Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, gray whale, pilot whale, Dall porpoise, white-sided dolphin, California sea lion, as well as other species.

The boats will depart at 8:00 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m. The fare is \$15 per person. For reservations, please send a check payable to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2718 Telegraph Ave., #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. Details of the trip will be sent with an acknowledgement.

Madrone Audubon Society Count Day

Saturday, December 31, (New Year's Eve) has been selected by the Madrone Audubon Society as the date for this year's Western Sonoma County Christmas count. Prospective counters may contact Betty Burridge, 963 Crest Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Office Observations

WANDERING GULLS. If your *Gull* is consistently late in being delivered to your home, we suggest that you register a complaint via the cards that are available at the PO or by letter to your local post office. Occasionally *The Gull* is printed late (e.g., the September issue) and therefore mailed late, but if consistently received late, the fault lies with the post office. Perhaps an overdose of angry notes to the post office will produce earlier delivery.

TYPEWRITER, ANYONE? The GGAS office is looking for an electric typewriter, preferably an IBM Selectric, which could be donated (tax deductible) or purchased at a reasonable price. Please contact the office at 843-2222.

NEW BOOKS, NEW HOURS. Lisa Johnsen, librarian for GGAS, hopes you can come to the office and see the library's new books, two of which are Godfrey's *Birds of Canada* and Palmer's *Handbook of North American Birds*.

Besides the regular hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, the office will be open every third Saturday of the month, staffed by volunteers.

CHECKING THE BIRDS. The GGAS library maintains a current file of bird checklists. On your first visit to a refuge or park ask for a checklist for the library. Checklists from any area of the world would be useful to other members planning trips.

CAN WE HELP . . . ?

If the Society provided child care at the monthly programs, would it make it easier for you to attend? If so, drop a post card to Program Chairman Ray Hasey at the GGAS office, 2718 Telegraph Ave., #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. Be sure to mention the age of the child.

GGAS Trip to Arizona Last May

During the last week in May, fifteen GGAS members joined co-leader/guide Kenn Kaufman and me for eight weeks birding Southeastern Arizona. The trip came about as a result of my wanting to offer our members a little something more than the excellent day or weekend trips run by GGAS. In response to this I was rewarded with the best group of people a trip leader could ask for. They ranged in age from mid-twenties to retirement age, from beginning to advanced birder. In interest and enthusiasm, they were all at the head of the class.

The success of the trip is due in part to the members of the group, but most credit must go to Kenn. He is the best birder I have ever been with in the field. Certainly he is one of the best birders in the country. His interest in and knowledge of birds is unmatched. And when it comes to showing new birds to someone, Kenn doesn't always know when to quit trying. At times we birded until well after sunset. I discovered quite soon that I was no match for his knowledge nor his stamina, so sometimes I became just one of the group and let Kenn take charge.

We saw a lot of interesting and beautiful birds, we enjoyed good weather, the cacti were in bloom and a few of us saw the Ring-tailed Cat outside Bob and Carol Yutzy's house at Mile Hi Ranch (a thank you is extended to Bob and Carol for their help and hospitality), and a Twin-spotted Rattlesnake was seen. This reptile is a species seldom seen in Arizona, and was a "lifer" for Kenn.

As for the birds, specifically, I think we did quite well. On the first day of the tour, one of our party recorded an apparent "first"—a Least Bittern at the Tucson sewage treatment ponds. This species has not been recorded there in the past, although these ponds are always

turning up good birds. Later in the tour, some of us saw the Kentucky Warbler in Ramsey Canyon. It was only about the tenth state record for this species. We also had three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, at least six Trogon's at three different locations and nineteen species of flycatchers for an overall total of one hundred seventy-three species for the trip. The number of new birds seen by individual members of the group ranged from zero (that was Kenn; there isn't much left to see when you have a life list of about six hundred-something) to about one hundred for one person. The average number of new birds per person was around forty-five.

Despite tired eyes and sore muscles and a few minor inconveniences, I think we all enjoyed the trip. I know Kenn and I did. In fact, we're thinking about doing it again next year . . . perhaps to a different place. Anyone for Texas or Mexico?
—MIKE WIHLER

STUDENT NATURALISTS TO LEAD BIRDING WALK FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Audubon Student Naturalist from the George Whittell Education Center will lead a birding walk for students ages 12-15 on November 5 at Jewel Lake in Tilden Park.

The trip is designed for beginning birders. Meet at the entrance to the park Nature Center at 9:00 a.m. The session will last approximately three hours.

The Whittell Center offers Sunday programs each week at 3:00. Lectures and slide shows include various birding subjects. For more information, write The George Whittell Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon, CA 94920.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

This issue of *The Gull* has a new editor, Nancy Conzett, and the undersigned old editor wishes to say a couple of things. To Nancy, thank you many times over for taking up the editorial blue pencil and green eyeshade energetically and on short notice. To our contributors, thanks for producing those regular columns month after month; we have readers all over the state who subscribe to *The Gull* because they like the observations or the field trips or other regular features, and they have told me so. To our readers, thank you for your support and frequent encouragement.

Nancy Conzett comes to *The Gull* with credentials that strike me just right—she is a birder, an artist, a photographer, and a writer. She cut her journalistic teeth on the *Freedom News* in Richmond and will probably chip her molars on *The Gull*.

Welcome Nancy. I hope you enjoy the job as much as I have enjoyed it.
—NICK STORY

An apology . . .

When writing about the past presidents who attended the annual dinner, we unintentionally left out Mary Louise Rosegay. In an effort to be diplomatic we had put the names in alphabetical order and somehow managed to eliminate "R". Mary Louise was very much in attendance; one of five former presidents who honored us that evening.

Dr. Albert Boles

We note with profound sadness the death of Dr. Albert Boles in September. For twenty-two years Dr. Boles was a member of the GGAS Board, starting in 1951 as Second Vice President. Dr. Boles was acting President in 1952 when GGAS was incorporated and he became President in 1953. He served as a Director in 1954, 1956 and 1957. For seventeen years Dr. Boles was Chairman of the Sanctuary and Memorial Fund, graciously replying by hand to all contributors. A man of enormous vitality and wide interests from his football days at the University of Minnesota where he was known as Minnesota's greatest center, down through his years of service on the Board of GGAS, Dr. Boles brought with him a certain style and level of performance. He was a man of integrity and principles and will be greatly missed by his legion of Audubon friends. Our condolences to his family.

—GGAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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